

## Benjamin PTO Board Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2015

6:30 pm

- Welcome- President
  - Introduction of special guests.
- Special Guest- Robert Bosquez, Jeremy Kruse, and Mark Kunkel
  - Thank you for the snowthrower purchase. It has already been used.
- Secretary Report
  - January minutes approval
    - i. Motion to approve from Shanna Phillips
      - 1. Seconded by Michelle Puckaz
- Treasurer Report
  - Expenses
    - i. Scholastic payment for Mrs. Scott
    - ii. Snowthrower
    - iii. Transportation Week
    - iv. Box top bags
    - v. Carnival mailing
    - vi. Late Start Breakfast
    - vii. Floral for Elaine Fitzgerald
    - viii. Pizza Party
  - Income
    - i. Box Tops – \$1126.30
    - ii. Dine – \$51.72 from Rosati's
- Principal Report
  - Enrollment at 590
  - Thank you for Souper Bowl Luncheon
  - March 17<sup>th</sup> – Kindergartner Registration
    - i. Bring Kindergartners with you
    - ii. Need to touch base w/ Barb Macke about order forms going into the K Registration packets
  - Business Bears went really well. Raised about \$640 for Humane Society
  - Art show- Feb 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Yearbook Orders due by Feb 20, but can do it online through March 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - PARCC testing – March 9<sup>th</sup>- April 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - i. All online
    - ii. Using labs, not netbooks for reliability and usability
    - iii. IMC Teachers have been working with the students so that they're not focusing on how to navigate the test during the actual test time.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade recognition

- i. Did flashlight last year.
  - ii. Need to figure out if we want to do that again.
- Teacher Report
  - Thanks for the Souper Bowl luncheon
  - Thanks to Mrs Rinkenberg and Mrs. Nebel for helping on the Ben-Jam-In Days (PBIS activities)
  - Thank you notes passed around for the Souper Bowl and P/T Conference luncheons.
    - i. There was a mix-up around the catering of one event but will be addressed in the future
- Vice President/Dine to Donate
  - Rosati's - \$51
  - Panera – next Monday (south Veterans, 4-8pm, the more people the higher the percentage)
  - A request has been put into Chipotle, but it's a 60-day turn around.
- Committee Reports
  - Box Tops- Kiersten Douglass
    - i. New drive going on – ends February 26th
  - Carnival- Erika Hunt
    - i. Erika has been sending minutes from her committee meetings
    - ii. Order forms are coming on Wednesday to teachers
      - 1. Will end up being linked on the website.
    - iii. Created a map that has been drafted and is being passed around.
    - iv. Sophia Stevens had the winning design for a Carnival T-Shirt
      - 1. Ms. Trainor was a huge help with the design as well.
      - 2. Pre-order t-shirts only (\$10) – order forms should be coming soon.
    - v. Special carnival sticks and slime necklaces will be for sale during the carnival.
    - vi. Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> the sign-up sheets will be due (wristbands, food, etc...)
    - vii. Basket committee has been putting in a lot of effort.
      - 1. Baskets should be brought in by March 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - viii. Volunteer sign-ups are going out.
      - 1. Encouraging teachers, staff, and older siblings to volunteer.
      - 2. Special basket only for volunteers – tickets handed out to the volunteers at the end of their shift.
    - ix. Michelle Pukacz is leading the food, including garden salad for gluten-free, veggie gondolas and cheese pizzas for non-meat eating, in addition to all of the food options.
    - x. Photo booth
      - 1. Will only have two copies though
      - 2. However, the pics will be uploaded so extra copies can be ordered later.
  - Hospitality- Mandy Fischer

- i. Updates covered in other topics
- Labels for Education- Barbara Johnson
  - i. Will be doing a May drive
- My Coke Rewards- Aslihan Spaulding
  - i. MCR has been updated
  - ii. Payout has been changed to money
  - iii. 75 “points” per email address
- Room Parent Coordinator- Ebony Nebel
  - i. Valentine’s Party – Friday @ 2:30pm
- School Directory- Jill Kramer
- Spirit Wear- Barb Macke
  - i. Update mentioned earlier about K Registration
- Supply Kits- Shanna Phillips
  - i. Lists are out to teachers and is due back by 2/18.
  - ii. Pushing for that date so that Kindergartners can have a supply kit this year.
  - iii. All orders will be done online this year.
  - iv. All profits from Supply Kits will be donated back to the Back-to-School Alliance.
- Un-Raiser- Stacy Herren
- Volunteer Coordinator- Margaret Heger
  - i. Art show still needs 4 volunteers – Feb 26<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Sign-up genius for Carnival Volunteers and Donations should be available by EOD 2/10
- Old Business
  - Soccer goal decisions
    - i. Still waiting to hear from Mike on a decision.
    - ii. Information will be sent to Mrs. Bennington when Stephanie Checchi gets it.
  - Laptop purchases update and funding motion
    - i. District came back that the target of \$250 wasn’t going to be durable and/or supportable.
    - ii. District recommended that we go for \$350-400
      - 1. Planning to fund ½ a cart this year; ½ next year.
      - 2. Motion for allocation of funds (\$6000) to purchase 15 laptops
        - a. Motioned by Erika Hunt
          - i. Seconded by Julie Eardley
  - CAC Update
    - i. [Link to Zach Perschall's CAC Notes from January 2015 meeting.](#)
- New Business
  - Unit 5 Board Members in attendance
    - i. Mike Trask
      - 1. Been on board since 2011

2. Wife teaches at Glenn
  - a. She's been in the same classroom for 25 years
3. Two daughters 1 @ NCHS, 1 @ Chiddix
4. Focus on the mission statement Educating Students to Achieve Personal Excellence
5. Received backing from the Teacher's Association
6. Big hurdle is finances and is supportive of Dr. Daniel.
7. Senate Bill 16 is gone, replaced with Senate Bill 1
  - a. Both are around funding allocation of State resources
8. Question to Mike:
  - a. What can PTO's do in the future to help?
    - i. Help communicate information through the school community.
    - ii. Continue to be aware of your school's needs.
  - b. Would the foundation be open to unique partnerships for funding solutions?
    - i. Would need to talk to Dr. Daniel or perhaps Gail Ann Briggs.
- ii. Barry Hitchins
  1. Has a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Cedar Ridge
  2. His wife was a Substitute Teaching Assistant at Benjamin Elementary
  3. Running because he's been involved in board meetings since spring last year.
  4. His daughter's school has overcrowded classrooms.
  5. Hoping to become a part of the solution, rather than just a concerned parent.
- Adjourn
  - Motion to adjourn – Shanna Phillips
    - i. Seconded by Ann Groomwald

Next PTO Meeting: March 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm